

 Internal Case Management System Worksheet - Case Closing					Top Allegation OFFICIAL STATEMENT - MISLEADING STATEMENT - PG		Group G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC Date of This Report 08/12/2018	
Date Reported 03/10/2017	Date Assigned 03/10/2017	IAB Log No. 2017-8842	Case No. (G56) M-2017-791	Folder Type MISCONDUCT	Preliminary Case Type MISCONDUCT	Follow-Up No.	Worksheet Tracking No. 3090929	

Topic/Subject (Case Closing) CASE CLOSING - SUBSTANTIATED	Activity Date 08/14/2018	Activity Time 19:00
---	------------------------------------	-------------------------------

Referred to Group -	Conferred With	Next Review Date
-------------------------------	-----------------------	-------------------------

Closing Statement

Case #:
M-2017-0791

Log #:
2017-8842
2018-28929
2018-29989

Subject Officer:
Traffic Enforcement Agent Price, Ayanna, Tax # 365304, Bronx Traffic Enforcement Unit
Date of Appointment: 11/09/2016
Probation (at time of incident): Yes
Current Duty Status: Full Duty

Date Case Received:
March 13, 2017

Date of Occurrence:
Multiple dates between November of 2016 and September of 2017

Administrative Statute of Limitations Expires:
September 10, 2018

Classification:
M

Investigator:
Sergeant William Fletcher, Tax # 941764

Team Leader:
Lieutenant Sherman Cox, Tax # 918892

Overall Case Disposition:
Substantiated

Details:
Log # 2017-8842 states that on Friday March 10, 2017 at approximately 1800 hours, the IAB Command Center received a call from Traffic Manager Julio Toro, Tax # 331910, who stated that he had received a request from Traffic Enforcement Agent Ayanna Price, Tax # 365304, to visit an inmate, [REDACTED], at a New York City Corrections facility. The request was denied.

Log # 2018-28929 records that on July 24, 2018 the Commanding Officer of Group 56 preferred Charges and Specifications against Traffic Enforcement Agent Ayanna Price for Association - ☐Criminal-☐ Other than Family and Official Statement -☐ Misleading - ☐PG.

Log # 2018-29989 records that on August 1, 2018 the Charges and Specifications were updated to include an additional specification for Association - Criminal-☐ Other than Family.

Identification and Interview of Reporter:
There is no complainant for this allegation. The reporter, Traffic Manager Toro was conferred with who reiterated the allegation from Log # 2017-8842 and stated that the request to visit [REDACTED] was denied due to the severity of the charges against [REDACTED]

and the fact that he is not an immediate family member of TEA Price.

Identification and Interview of Witness(es):

There were no witnesses to the alleged conduct.

Canvass:

There were no canvasses required related to the alleged conduct.

Identification of Subject Officer(s):

Traffic Enforcement Agent Ayanna Price, Tax # 365304 of the Bronx Traffic Enforcement Unit was identified by name and Tax number by the reporter, Traffic Manager Toro. The subject agent was further identified via a review of Department records.

Review of Department Records:

TEA Price's Force Record was reviewed which revealed her phone number [REDACTED].

TEA Price's Personnel Folder was reviewed which revealed that she had previously been hired and resigned in December of 2014 before being re-hired on November 9, 2016. There is no record of either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] being listed as a beneficiary or family member.

Computer Background Checks:

A background check was conducted on TEA Price which revealed no prior cases in IAPRO or ICMS and two (2) background checks on her CPI.

A background check was conducted on [REDACTED] via the Omniform and E-Justice systems which both revealed no arrests prior to his arrest on March 15, 2016.

A background check was conducted on [REDACTED] (identified after conferral with NYS DOCCS) via the DAS system which revealed [REDACTED]. Additionally, the E-Justice system was queried which revealed one (1) further arrest. The arrests were as follows:

Criminal nexus checks were conducted to determine if there was any criminal nexus between TEA Price and either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. No criminal nexus was found with either individual.

An ENFORCER check was conducted to determine who, if anyone, had conducted inquiries on [REDACTED]. The check revealed that the S/A had made no inquiries, and the only inquiries were made on March 15, 2016 relating to his arrest.

An ENFORCER check was also conducted to determine if anyone had made inquiries on [REDACTED] which returned no results.

A THREADS check was conducted on the top five (5) most frequent telephone numbers from the S/A's telephone records. One of the telephone numbers came back to the NYC Corrections Department and another to a company in Texas that routes Voice over IP calls to correctional facilities. The other numbers were friends or family members of the S/A. A public records check was performed on these telephone numbers which confirmed the information.

An audit of the Z-Finest, Omniform and DAS systems was conducted to determine if the S/A had made any unauthorized inquiries, which yielded negative results.

A further audit of the Omniform, Z-Finest and DAS systems was conducted to determine if any MOS had conducted inquiries on either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and whether or not there was a nexus to the S/A. This audit revealed no nexus between any MOS conducting inquiries and TEA Price.

An ECMS/NITRO check was performed by Group 41 on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of which yielded negative results.

Conferrals Conducted:

On March 19, 2017, the investigator conferred with Investigator Snyder at NYS DOCCS who stated that TEA Price had not made any visits to NYS Correctional facilities, however he stated that the S/A's phone number was registered as a contact number with an inmate, [REDACTED]. He stated that the inmate had made numerous calls between April 5, 2016 and November 9, 2016, prior to the S/A's hiring by the Department. A later conferral, conducted on February 26, 2018 revealed that the S/A had received numerous calls between January 28, 2018 and February 4, 2018. A further conferral was conducted on August 12, 2018 and Investigator Snyder stated that there had been no further contact between either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and TEA Price. Investigator Snyder stated that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both still currently incarcerated in NYS DOCCS facilities.

On April 12, 2017, the investigator conferred with Investigator Fonseca at the NYC DOC, who stated that TEA Price had not made any visits to NYC DOC facilities, however 214 calls from inmates had been placed to the S/A's telephone number. A later conferral with Investigator Dawson was made on July 12, 2017 who stated that although the call records indicate multiple inmates have called the S/A, the inmates often exchange ID numbers in order to call from each other's accounts, and there is no evidence to suggest that anyone other than [REDACTED] had contacted the S/A.

On November 30, 2017, the investigator conferred with Det. Shanahan of the Bronx Gang Unit in order to determine if [REDACTED] was listed as a gang member in the gang search wasmet with negative results.

The IAB Intelligence Unit was conferred with in order to attempt to get a character assessment on TEA Price and to get any other relevant information pertaining to this investigation. The request produced negative results.

The investigator conferred with Agency Attorney McMahon-Smith and, on July 24, 2018, Charges and Specifications were preferred against the S/A. These Charges and Specifications were recorded under IAB log number 2018-28929, IAB serial number 170, and Department Advocate serial number 2018-19170 with the following specifications (specification 3 was added when the charges were amended on August 1, 2018):

1. Associating with an individual known to engage in criminal activities, specifically [REDACTED]
2. Making misleading statements in an official Department hearing
3. Associating with an individual known to engage in criminal activities, specifically [REDACTED]

Proactive Measures:

Surveillances were conducted on TEA Price on July 17, 2017, July 23, 2017, August 8, 2017 and August 28, 2017 all of which resulted in no corruption or misconduct being observed.

Other information of Investigative Value:

The content of the inmate phone calls between TEA Price and [REDACTED] was reviewed by the investigator, revealing possible gang affiliation and their continued association. This information was conveyed to the Bronx Gang Unit.

The content of the inmate phone calls between TEA Price and [REDACTED] was reviewed and confirmed the continued association between [REDACTED] and the S/A.

An inmate check was conducted on August 12, 2018 which showed that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are still incarcerated.

Patrol Guide 206-13 Hearings:

Traffic Enforcement Agent Ayanna Price was interviewed as a subject agent on February 5, 2018. She stated that on March 10, 2017, she approached her Traffic Manager regarding visiting an inmate in a correctional facility. TEA Price stated she was advised that she had to write a UF-49 requesting to visit her fiancé, [REDACTED]. TEA Price stated that after she provided the UF-49 to her traffic manager he informed her that her request was denied. TEA Price further stated that her engagement to [REDACTED] was just talk and that they had never lived together or had any children in common.

TEA Price admitted to speaking with [REDACTED] on the phone on numerous occasions as well as sending documents and pictures to him. She further stated that she ended their relationship and ceased contact in April of 2017 due the Department prohibiting their contact.

TEA Price stated that she also had phone contact with [REDACTED], who is a friend of hers from the neighborhood. She stated that he attempted to contact her on February 2, 2018 but she had not had any contact with him other than that for the previous three (3) years.

TEA Price was advised of Patrol Guide 205-63, regarding inmate visitation, and Patrol Guide 203-10, Public Contact Prohibited Conduct. TEA Price stated that she was familiar with Patrol Guide procedure 203-10 but that she was unaware that phone contact with an inmate is considered direct contact.

Subsequently, TEA Price was again interviewed as a subject agent on April 18, 2018 where she reiterated her statements that she ceased communicating with [REDACTED] shortly after her request for visitation was denied. She was then confronted with the call logs showing that, in fact, she had continued to receive calls from [REDACTED] until September of 2017. TEA Price replied that she didn't recall the specific month or date she terminated her contact with [REDACTED], only that she terminated their relationship in 2017.

Additionally, when confronted with call logs from inmate [REDACTED] TEA Price recanted her previous statements that she had not spoken to him in three (3) years and then admitted that she had spoken to him several times in the month prior to the initial PG hearing.

TEA Price stated that at no time did she ever benefit from the criminal activity of either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. She also stated that she was not intentionally trying to mislead the investigators with her statements in her initial PG hearing.

Supervisory Deficiencies:

This case was reviewed for supervisory deficiencies and there were none found that effected the investigative findings of the case.

Conclusion:

The original allegation of Association - Criminal - Family has been removed. Traffic Manager Julio Toro, Tax # 331910, called the IAB Command Center to report that Traffic Enforcement Agent Ayanna Price, Tax # 365304, had requested to visit an inmate at a NYC DOC facility. This request was denied.

A review of NYC DOC records indicated that TEA Price received numerous phone calls from an inmate, [REDACTED] which was confirmed by TEA Price in her PG hearings, however TEA Price stated that she and [REDACTED] were not in fact engaged, had never lived together and had no children in common, therefore this allegation was removed and the allegation of Association - ☐ Criminal - ☐ Other than Family was added.

The allegation of Off-Duty Visits to Inmates is closed with the finding of Information and Intelligence. The investigation revealed TEA Price did in fact follow Department procedure in an attempt to visit inmate [REDACTED] while he was lodged in a NYS Correctional facility. After a review of New York State and New York City Corrections databases there was no record of the S/A ever making a visit to a correctional facility. Therefore the allegation is closed as Information and Intelligence.

The allegation of Association - Criminal - Other than family is being closed with a finding of SUBSTANTIATED. A review of New York City Correction's telephone records revealed that TEA Ayanna Price did, on numerous occasions between March 10, 2017 and September 22, 2017, have phone contact with [REDACTED] an inmate. Furthermore, in PG hearings conducted on February 5, 2018 and April 18, 2018, the S/A did admit to having contact with [REDACTED] via phone.

A review of New York State Corrections telephone records also revealed that TEA Ayanna Price did, on numerous occasions between January 26, 2018 and February 4, 2018, have phone contact with [REDACTED] an inmate. Furthermore, in PG hearings conducted on February 5, 2018 and April 18, 2018, the S/A did admit to having contact with [REDACTED] via phone.

Therefore there is sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made and this allegation is being closed as SUBSTANTIATED with a disposition of Charges and Specifications under Dept. Advocate serial # 2018-19170, with spec 1. for [REDACTED], and spec 3. for [REDACTED].

The allegation of Official Statement - Misleading Statement - ☐ PG, specifically regarding TEA Price's statements of when her contact with [REDACTED] ceased, is being closed as SUBSTANTIATED.

The S/A, TEA Ayanna Price, at a PG hearing on February 5, 2018, did state that she had ceased contact with inmate [REDACTED] in April of 2017. A review of New York City Corrections records revealed that she in fact continued to have phone contact with [REDACTED] until September of 2017. She reiterated her statement at the second PG hearing conducted on April 18, 2018 before being confronted with evidence to the contrary.

Therefore there is sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made and this allegation is being closed as SUBSTANTIATED with a disposition of Charges and Specifications under Dept. Advocate serial # 2018-19170, spec 2.

The allegation of Additional Information - ☐ Prior Log is closed as INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE. This allegation was added to reflect the amendment of the initial Charges and Specifications by the addition of Specification #3.

Subjects Involved

Name	Status	Sex	Race	Dob
365304 AYANNA PRICE TE1 (888-TRB BRONX TRAFFIC ENF UNIT)	CIVILIAN MEMBER OF SERVICE	FEMALE	BLACK	[REDACTED]

Allegations

1	Full Allegation	Classification	Allegation Index	Allegation Date	Finding	Finding Date
	Off Duty Incident (Not Domestic) -	Abuse of Dept Regulations	VRP-Violation Rules/Procedures	03/10/2017	04 - Info. and Intelligence	08/02/2018

	Off-Duty Visits to Inmates - CMOS					
		Comments The allegation of Off-Duty Visits to Inmates is being closed with the finding of INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE. TEA Price followed Department procedure by requesting to visit an inmate and was denied by her Traffic Manager. After a review of New York State and New York City Corrections databases there is no record of the S/A, TEA Ayanna Price, ever making a visit to a correctional facility. Therefore this allegation is being closed as INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE.				
2	Full Allegation Charges & Specifications - IAB	Classification NOTIFICATION/Additional Information	Allegation Index CS-Charges and Specifications	Allegation Date 07/25/2018	Finding 04 - Info. and Intelligence	Finding Date 07/24/2018
		Comments On July 24, 2018, Charges and Specifications were preferred against TEA Ayanna Price, Tax # 365304, for associating with individuals reasonably believed to be engaged in, likely to engage in or known to have engaged in criminal activities and for making misleading statements in a PG hearing. Therefore the allegation of Charges & Specifications is being added and closed as INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE.				
3	Full Allegation Association - Criminal - Other than Family	Classification Abuse of Dept Regulations	Allegation Index ASSP-Associates Criminals	Allegation Date 08/05/2018	Finding 07 - Substantiated	Finding Date 07/24/2018
		Comments The allegation of Association - Criminal - Other than family is being added and closed with a finding of SUBSTANTIATED. A review of New York City Corrections telephone records revealed that TEA Ayanna Price did, on numerous occasions between March 10, 2017 and September 22, 2017, have phone contact with [REDACTED], an inmate. Further, in PG hearings conducted on February 5, 2018 and April 18, 2018, the S/A did admit to having contact with [REDACTED] via phone. A review of New York State Corrections telephone records revealed that TEA Ayanna Price did, on numerous occasions between January 26, 2018 and February 4, 2018, have phone contact with [REDACTED], an inmate. Further, in PG hearings conducted on February 5, 2018 and April 18, 2018, the S/A did admit to having contact with [REDACTED] via phone. Therefore there is sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made and this allegation is being closed as SUBSTANTIATED with a disposition of Charges and Specifications under Dept. Advocate serial # 2018-19170, spec 1, for [REDACTED] and spec 3, for [REDACTED].				
4	Full Allegation Official Statement - Misleading Statement - PG	Classification Perjury/False Statements	Allegation Index GO15-PG 206-13	Allegation Date 08/05/2018	Finding 07 - Substantiated	Finding Date 07/24/2018
		Comments The allegation of Official Statement - Misleading Statement - PG is being added and closed with a finding of SUBSTANTIATED. The S/A, TEA Ayanna Price, at a PG hearing on February 5, 2018, did state that she had ceased contact with inmate [REDACTED] in March of 2017. A review of New York City Corrections records revealed that she in fact continued to have phone contact with [REDACTED] until September of 2017. Therefore there is sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made and this allegation is being closed as SUBSTANTIATED with a disposition of Charges and Specifications under Dept. Advocate serial # 2018-19170, spec 2.				
5	Full Allegation Additional Information Prior Log -	Classification NOTIFICATION/Additional Information	Allegation Index ADD-Additional Information	Allegation Date 08/01/2018	Finding 04 - Info. and Intelligence	Finding Date 08/01/2018
		Comments The allegation of Additional Information Prior Log is being added due to the Charges and Specifications being amended and an additional specification being added (spec 3). This allegation is being closed as Information and Intelligence.				

ATTACHMENT

1	 'Charges and Specs preferred'
2	 'Notification of Disposition - TEA Price'
3	 'Request for Charges'

Reporting Officer:	Rank SGT	Name FLETCHER WILLIAM		Tax Reg. No. 941764		Command G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC
Reviewing Supervisor:	Manner of Closing 5 - SUBSTANTIATED	Date Reviewed 08/17/2018	Date of Next Review	Name MCGRATH THOMAS		Supv. Tax No. 905607
Endorser:	Rank LCD	Name COX SHERMAN	Tax Reg. No. 918892	Command G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC	DateTime Reviewed 08/14/2018 20:23	Status Approved
	Comments CLOSING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.					
Endorser:	Rank INS	Name MCGRATH THOMAS	Tax Reg. No. 905607	Command Z03-ZONE 3	DateTime Reviewed 08/17/2018 10:27	Status Approved
	Comments APPROVED					